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Report Highlights:

In June 2014, African leaders met in Malabo where they, among other actions, adopted the Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods. This Declaration is framed around a half dozen key commitments to transform agriculture across the continent over the next decade. The roadmap to turn the Declaration commitments into actions will be discussed at a stakeholder validation meeting on November 17-18. The plan will later be presented to the AU Executive Council Ordinary Session which will be held in late January 2015.

Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agriculture Growth – Next Steps:

On June 26-27 2014, African Heads of State attended the African Union Summit in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea. The theme of the summit was ‘2014 Year of Agriculture and Food Security’. Under this framework, leaders from across Africa adopted a number of important decisions, resolutions, and declarations, among which was the [*Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods*](#) (see pages 52-58). A summary of the summit outcomes can be found [here](#).

The Malabo Declaration contains a half dozen key commitments to transform agriculture across the continent. The following broad commitments were made: (1) continue pursuing the values and principles of the CAADP process; (2) enhance public and private investment in agriculture; (3) end hunger in Africa by 2025 by doubling current agricultural productivity levels and halving post-harvest loss; (4) halve poverty by 2025 through inclusive growth; (5) triple intra-African trade in agricultural commodities and services by 2025; and (6) enhance resilience of livelihoods and production systems to climate variability and related risks. To ensure accountability and success, the Declaration calls for a systematic progress review along with increased capacity for the African Union Commission (AUC) to deliver on these commitments.

The Declaration also calls for concrete action to turn these commitments into results. In order to lay the groundwork for these actions, the AUC and the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) were charged with developing an implementation strategy and roadmap to present to the Ordinary Session of the minister-level Executive Council on January 26-27, 2015. The AUC and NPCA are working together with member states to develop this blueprint for action and will hold a [‘high-level validation’ meeting](#) on November 17-18. At this upcoming meeting, member states and other stakeholders will review and validate the draft strategic roadmap.